Administrations to identify and proceed against clandestine manufacturers of bombs in their respective jurisdictions.

Amendment of FERA provisions

3434. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has since finalised the proposals for amending FERA provisions as suggested in the last Session of the Rajya Sabha; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Loans given to people in urban areas under SETUP Scheme

3435. SHRI SATYANARAYANA DRONAMRAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of loans extended to the people in urban areas under SEPUP Scheme so far;

(b) what are the guidelines adopted for this Scheme; and

(c) what is the present number of beneficiaries under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The number of beneficiaries and amount of loan given during the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 under SEPUP is set out below:

(Rs. in crores)

Financial Year	Loans sanctioned		Loan disbursed	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
1986-87	341284	116.14	307654	100.80
1987-88*	362633	131.74	307372	108.50

* Data as available on 15-7-1988

The Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) introduced with effect from 1.9.1986 is being implemented by the public sector banks and covers all metropolitan, urban and semi-urban centres. The physical target for each centre is one beneficiary for every 300 population of the city|town as per 1981 census. 30 per cent of the target is reserved for Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries both number-wise and amount-wise from financial year 1987-88. To be eligible for assistance, applicant should be a permanent resident of the centre where the programme is being implemented and his family income should not exceed Rs. 600|- per month. Depending upon the unit cost, assistance not exceeding Rs. 5,000|- is available to selected beneficiaries. 25 per cent of the loan amount is provided as subsidy by the Government.

Drug Trafficking in Indo-Burma Border

3436. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North

Eastern States in the country are highly vulnerable to drug smuggling from Burma and that with the emergence of some new routes, unprecedented drug trafficking from the Indo-Burma border in anticipated during the year;

(b) if so, what percentage of the drugs seized in the country is smuggled from across the Indo-Burma border and what is the percentage of rise in the drug trafficking in the North Eastern States during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government have chalked out any strategy to strengthen the existing measures to check the growing drug trafficking from the Indo-Burma border and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) According to the International Narcotics Control Board, Burma remains a major source of illicit opium, most of which is produced in remote areas of northern and eastern parts of the country. Due to the common border with Burma, India continues to be vulnerable to drug trafficking from the Golden Triangle region. The seizures of heroin of Golden Triangle origin are given below. The quantities of the drug seized in the whole country are given within brackets:

Name of drug	1985	1986	1987	1988 (Upto June)
	(Quantity in Kilograms)			
Heroin	4 (761)	5 (2621)	2 (2747)	2 (1708)

(c) Government have initiated various aggressive counter-measures against drug trafficking which, *inter alia*, include strengthening of the preventive and intelligence machinery, especially along the international borders, adoption of a liberalise reward scheme for officers and informers, stengthening of bilateral co-operation between neighbouring countries (including regional co-operation under the aegies of SAARC). Special narcotics cells have been created in all the Customs and Central Excise Collectorates all over the country besides the state police organisations.

Further, the Prevention of illicit traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Ordinance, 1988 has been promulgated by the President on 4.7.1988. Under this Ordinance, 157 detention orders have been issued so far, of which 130 persons have been detained, thus immobilising them from indulging in illicit traffic in drugs.

An Indian delegation, headed by the Minister of State For Finance (Revenue) visited Burma in July, 1988. In the talks with the Burmese authorities, the drug trafficking situation in both the countries and the countermeasures taken were reviewed with an emphasis for institutionalising the exchange of information between the law enforcement agencies of both the countries.

Report of the working group of capital markets

3437. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high powered working group on capital markets constituted by Government has recommended total exemption for divided income from personal taxation to mitigate the adverse effects of double taxation; and